

State of Louisiana

The seal of the State of Louisiana is centered between the words "of" and "Louisiana". It features a pelican feeding its young in a nest, with a banner below reading "UNION JUSTICE AND CONFIDENCE".

July 14, 2005

Mr. Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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